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## WHAT IS DOING IN TOBACCO TRADE

### Prices Off And Farmers Protest—Will Wait On Market.

Glasgow Ky., Dec. 10.—Glasgow's tobacco market opened to-day and closed almost immediately afterward, as the result of a mass meeting attended by approximately 1,000 farmers and growers, who protested vigorously against what they called the unreasonably low prices.

Meanwhile committees which were appointed by the mass meeting will call upon R. H. Barton, head of the Planters' tobacco warehouse, and other warehousemen, and ask that the growers be given an advance immediately of one half of the fair value of their offerings, so that they may be prepared to hold their product for better prices.

It was the unanimous opinion of the mass meeting, apparently, that the current crop should bring 20 cents a hundred.

Frank Jordan was cheered again and again when he declared that the growers should wait for that price.

Although the first basket of dark tobacco presented to-day brought \$19 nothing higher than \$14.50 was realized afterward, and before the sales had proceeded half an hour the growers were in an uproar of protest.

Last year's average price was \$16.40—\$1.90 more than to-day's average. The growers insist that \$20 is a fair price for this year's crop, which they say has cost more to produce than any crop for several years.

### Demand And Prices Strong.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 10.—Everything went off auspiciously at the opening sales of dark tobacco here to-day.

A big crowd was in attendance, composed of buyers from other markets, farmers and citizens generally.

The demand was keen and prices proportionately strong, and everybody seemingly went home thoroughly satisfied especially the farmers.

Offerings to-day were 250,000 pounds well distributed among the eight sales houses.

Prices ranged from \$10 to \$28 for trash to good leaf. The \$28 is \$2.50 above any previous high mark.

Trash and low grades were about \$2 off from last season's close, but the better grades more than made up so that as a whole quotations showed an advance.

The day's average could not be ascertained, but those houses reporting ranged from \$15.20 to \$17.35. Last season's opening sale was 177,000 pounds; prices ranged \$10 to \$20.50 and the average for the day was \$13.35. Last season's average was \$14.28.

### Record Again Broken.

Owensboro, Ky., Dec. 10.—It is getting to be a daily occurrence to smash the record for pryor leaf on the Owensboro market. To-day Hagan & Hamilton, of Henderson county sold 650 pounds of dark leaf at an average of \$40 a hundred pounds the highest ever paid for a like type of weed.

The load of 1,325 pounds brought \$380.12 at an average of \$28.65. The trash sold for \$15.25, lugs \$23.50 and leaf at \$40.

There was a sale of 391,965 pounds of dark tobacco to-day at a general average of \$16.36 the growers being paid \$64,158.44.

The American Tobacco Company buyers were on the floors for the first time to-day and there was a noticeable jump in the prices paid.

There will be a sale of nearly a million pounds on the Owensboro market to-morrow.

### Lexington Opening Success.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 10.—Exceeding all previous first days in attendance, the amount of tobacco sold by one set of buyers and prices the opening day of the Lexington market was considered a success by tobacco men.

Two hundred thousand pounds were sold to-day, clearing the floors of the Shelburna warehouse No. 1 and two rows on the floor of Peoples warehouse, next door.

The highest price basket at Shelburna sold at \$61 a 100 and at the Peoples at \$48.

### Bowling Green.

Bowling Green, Ky., Dec. 10.—Three hundred and fifty thousand pounds of tobacco sold to-day at prices averaging around 16 cents.

A number of farmers met at the

courthouse with a view of forming a pool, but the majority of the biggest growers are offering their tobacco on the loose leaf floors.

The American Tobacco Company closed down its stemmery here, and it is reported it will move to Owensboro.

No reason is given for the removal.

### Henderson.

Henderson Ky., Dec. 10.—The highest daily average ever made on loose leaf tobacco floors in this city was made today, when 80,660 pounds sold at \$17.02 1/2 per 100. Leaf sold up to \$30.50; lugs from \$15 to \$21; trash from \$5 to \$14; fired leaf sold up to \$28.50.

Several growers made an average of over \$20.

Growers are busy stripping, and delivery will be large during the next two weeks. The American Tobacco Company entered the market to-day and purchased liberally.

### A NOVEL LAWSUIT.

An unusual lawsuit was heard in Judge Cook's court Monday. Some months ago a Mr. Hendrix and his wife died, in Muhlenburg county, and left three small children. Mack Hendrix, brother of the deceased father, qualified as guardian of the children, in the Muhlenburg county court. Later Mr. Clarence Roark, of Ohio county, brother of the mother of the children, brought the orphans to his home and qualified as their guardian, in the Ohio county court. Thereupon the Muhlenburg guardian swore out an *habias corpus* writ for the children, in the Ohio county court. After hearing the evidence of witnesses and argument of counsel the court ruled that the residence of the parents determined the residence of the children, and that the Muhlenburg county guardian was entitled to the custody of the wards. We understand the parents of the children carried about two thousand dollars insurance, which will go to the benefit of the children. The unusual feature of this lawsuit is due to the fact that relatives usually make an effort to escape the responsibility of caring for orphan children rather than going to law to incur the burden.

### DRUMMER TAKEN SNIPING.

One of the best practical jokes pulled off by Hartford boys in recent years was worked on a young traveling man here a few nights ago. This young hat salesman was making Hartford for his first time, and being a product of the state's metropolis, felt the fullest freedom to practice an excessive familiarity with the people of Hartford town. Even the school boys noted the fact that he needed taking down a button hole or two, and proceeded to do it in a fine style. They told the young hat salesman that in a certain section of Ohio county the snipe, an epicurean tidbit, abounded, and generously offered to take him on a hunt for the delicately flavored night bird. The hat salesman felt to, and loading into a machine they speeded away toward "Hellneck." On the way out the boys described the fine sport of holding the sack while the unsuspecting birds were being driven into it, and generously planned for the hat man to hold the sack. When about five miles from town the boys led the unsuspecting drummer to a lonely spot in a dark ravine, and after giving him minute instruction about just how to hold the sack and how to bag his quarry when all the birds in sight are safely sacked, the boys boarded their car and made a spin for Hartford. Sometime afterward the once self-complacent but now crestfallen few, foot-sore and weary, made his way to the hotel and, no doubt, slept sounder for his experience. Johnnie Moore and John Ross Taylor will perhaps make themselves scarce the next time the Hebrew hat salesman comes to town.

### THE FLU SUBSIDING.

The influenza epidemic seems to be measurably subsiding in most parts of the county. Only at Fordsville and Centertown, as our information goes, is the disease seriously affecting any number of people. The county board of health met here Wednesday to discuss the feasibility of removing the flu ban in Hartford. There have been no new cases developed here for several days, but on account of the prevalence of the trouble in nearby communities, the board did not think it wise to lift the ban yet.

## NEW SUITS FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT

### A Divorce Suit.

Eva Rogers sues Eugene Rogers, for divorce and alleges grounds, which if proven, will authorize the court to grant the decree. Eva states that she and Eugene were married in 1907 and lived together as man and wife until the 24 day of November 1918. She alleges the customary plea of cruel and inhuman treatment, settled aversion etc. She alleges that for a year past her husband has not contributed to the support of herself or children, and that she has been forced to labor for their support. She also alleges she is in fear of great bodily harm at the hands of the defendant.

### Pumpkin Stealing Case.

A rather novel *neet* suit is that of W. L. Allen against Jake Shaver, in which Allen alleges Shaver has on divers and sundry occasions accused him of stealing pumpkins. Plaintiff says defendant went so far as to employ an attorney to send him a statement amounting to \$25 for the pumpkins alleged to have been stolen. Allen thinks his character has been damaged about \$2,500 worth and prays the court to award him judgment in that sum.

### Sues Son-In-Law McAdoo.

The first case of suit in Ohio county against Director of Railroads, McAdoo, was filed here last week by Virgil Craddock, of McHenry. The suit grows out of the circumstance that Craddock was on his way home from Louisville, accompanied by his small child, and that when the defendant, McAdoo's train, stopped at Cecelia the plaintiff secured the privilege from the train officials to go to a nearby restaurant to get lunches for himself and the child, under promise that officials would not move the train until his return. He alleges the train pulled out from the station with his child, without giving him reasonable time to return and board it, and that the child, unattended, suffered for his attention. Craddock asks damages in the sum of \$2,500. It appears from the petition of the plaintiff that the order requiring suits filed against railroad companies to name McAdoo as director, was made by the President, and not by the law putting the railroads in the hands of a Director General. Just why the President was so anxious to have his son-in-law named personally in such suits is not apparent. But the result is a big lot of free advertising of the name, McAdoo.

## CAMP TAYLOR BOYS HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

Announcement has been made that all the soldier boys at Camp Taylor, except those who have enlisted for term service and those engaged in technical service, will be mustered out about December 20, and will get home by Christmas. The result will be that in many Kentucky homes this will be the happiest Christmas the family has ever known. A good sized bunch of Ohio county boys are still in the Louisville Camp, and we will give them a royal welcome.

### A WIFE WANTED.

Tinsley's friend, Battie Nall, asks us to notify the female public that he wants a wife, and invites applications. Battie is a widower, without children or dependent relatives, and offers any good woman, who will marry him, to make 17 per cent of the living for two, leaving her only the burden of providing the remaining 83 per cent. Battie would not take better than second prize at a beauty show but has a number of more or less good qualities, none of which we can call to mind just now. He prefers a red headed woman, but would not miss a match for a trifle like the color of a woman's hair. He prefers an old maid or a widow without children, but would take a widow with not more than nine children, provided she owned a good farm, and seven of the kids were boys, old enough to work. He will not consider applications of women who are not industrious or have a fixed income. Battie is of a kind and retiring disposition, the kind that retires when any work is in front of him. He hangs round this shop the most of the time, and Tinsley and ourself will donate a cow to the woman who rids us of the nuisance. We suggest the application be made by letter and no photographs exchanged. We will guarantee Bat for whatever he is worth, but we will be hanged if we know what he is worth.

## ANSWERS OUR INQUIRY FOR OLD THINGS.

Mrs. Nellie Iler, of Rockport, has been good enough to respond to our inquiry for old and odd things of news value, for which she will please accept our thanks. With Mrs. Iler starting the ball perhaps other correspondents will keep it rolling. Mrs. Iler's letter is so well written we shall take the liberty to reproduce it as written.

Rockport, Ky., Dec. 6, 1918  
The Republican,  
Hartford, Ky.

In answer to your request for news items that are odd and unusual, I am sending the following: My daughter, Mary Chase Iler, is wearing a necklace of jet beads that were worn by her great-grandmother, perhaps a full century ago. They are strung just like the jet beads one buys today.

I have also a little shaving case that has been in the family since 1820, and has been in constant use. My grandfather bought it in that year and wrote the date of the purchase on the back of the drawer, and the writing still shows legibly. My father always used it when shaving and now my boys use it. Also my boys have some vest buttons that were made from the first half dime coined by the government, that were worn by their great-grandfather. The date is 1827.

My brother, Joe Young, at Beaver Dam, has an old deed of my father's that was signed by governor Shelby, the first governor of Kentucky. We also have a great many odds and ends in the way of old books and dishes etc., that were the property of my grand-parents.

Respectfully,  
Mrs. NELLIE ILER.

## FARMERS TALK TOBACCO AT OWENSBORO MEETING

Farmers, who are members of The American Co-operative Association, met at Owensboro Saturday to discuss tobacco sales. George Jones, of Ohio county was elected chairman of the meeting. In nominating Mr. Jones the speaker paid a compliment to his fitness, and said it was wise to select a chairman who had not been mixed up in any former divisions. Much loose talk in regard to former leaders selling out, was indulged. It was finally decided to sell the tobacco through the A. C. A. at such prices as would be satisfactory to the farmers.

### OUR HONOR ROLL.

The names below are those of our soldier boys who were killed or died of wounds in France, and are the names that will be inscribed on the monument to be erected here. We made a diligent effort to make this roll complete but are not sure we have done so. If there are any other martyrs to their country, whose names we did not get, friends or relatives will please be good enough to report them. We want the names of those only who were killed or died of wounds received in battle.

Arthur B. Laws.  
Robert Davis.  
Sergt. Eddie Lee.  
Cecil Draper.  
Lee Keith.  
Oscar Durall.  
John Crow.  
Chester Reed.  
Sergt. Chas. C. Main.  
Malin A. Benton.

### GOOD TOBACCO NEWS.

A buyer for an Owensboro tobacco company was here Tuesday and paid \$20, \$20 and \$12 for two crops of tobacco; the crops were those of Mr. John Duke and Mr. Henry Bean. The prices on the Owensboro market have also stiffened up a bit this week. Tuesday's sales on that market were noticeably higher than at any previous time. We are not an expert on tobacco prices, but we suggest to the farmers that they hold their tobacco off the market unless prices approach those of last season.

### UNCLE ALEC'S TROUBLES.

Uncle Alec Curtis is the best fellow in the world, but like the rest of us, he makes his mistakes sometimes. A few nights ago Uncle Alec went into the drug store and bought a box of tablets, guaranteed to cure a cold in one day. Coming back to the drug store an hour later the druggist asked him if he had taken his tablets. Confessing he had forgotten the matter the druggist, in his kind so-

litude for Uncle Alec's health, got a glass of water and insisted on him taking the tablets at once. Uncle Alec happened to have a box of rivets in his pocket, and the druggist was horrified when he discovered his patient about to swallow the rivets. A little later Uncle Alec came back and bought a box of Blue Jay corn plasters. The druggist insisted that he be sure to use the corn plasters instead of the rivets on his corns, but the next morning Uncle Alec came in and asked the druggist to please take the corn plasters back, as he had discovered the trouble was only due to a tack in his shoe. But we all make mistakes sometimes.

### AGED WOMAN DIES.

Mrs. Nancy Alford died at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Ed Davidson, Thursday night, and her remains were buried near White Run, Friday. Mrs. Alford had a stroke of paralysis Wednesday, and died only a few hours later. She was ninety years old, and the widow of the late Esquire Pete Alford, of White Run.

### WRITES TO REPUBLICAN.

In France, Nov. 10, 1918  
Editor Hartford Republican.

Dear Editor:—I am writing you a short letter for publication in your valuable paper.

I have been in the European countries for six months, serving my country in the great world war. I have been in all kinds of trials and tribulations, but by the help of God I have got through this far. I have been over the top seven times since I have been over here. It has been said that the 30th Division, to which I belong, is the best division that the Americans have in France.

I am well and hearty at this time. You know it takes a hearty man to eat canned pork and beans and corned beef. When we are in battle we don't have time to eat much of anything for dodging steel jackets and whiz bangs.

They keep us busy on the front. We have captured lots of German soldiers and have taken all kinds of souvenirs from them. We were in the battle when the Hindenburg line was broken. It sure was some hard battle but we have had the Germans on the run ever since. The Germans call us the "hot heads" from over the sea. The countries are pretty level. The land is of a lime stone nature and when it rains it is so slick you can hardly walk on it. The French don't use any timber to make anything. They use brick, and some of the houses are made of mud and wheat straw. Timber is a scarce article in France. The season here is too short to grow corn, or anything like that. The general crops in France are wheat, oats, sugar beets, potatoes and lots of grass and clover. But I was surprised when I first came to France for I was told that all the girls over here were as pretty as a peach. Well, I don't know about that. Perhaps they are. I haven't seen any peaches since I have been in France. But there are thousands of families in France to-day who have sad hearts because some dear one has been taken from them in this great war. And we have plenty of broken hearts back in the States. We have lots of boys who left their dear broken hearted mother and father; sisters and brothers, wives or sweethearts, weeping and praying for their dear one to return. I trust that many of these prayers may be answered, but I know that some dear mother will never see her dear boy and more, because I have seen lots of them knocked out myself. I am sure thankful that the Lord has spared me thus far.

With the highest regards to all,  
Corp. ARTHUR B. SHIELDS.  
Co. A. 120 Inf., A. P. O. 749  
A. E. F. France.

### ADABURG.

Mr. Hosea Shown has sold his farm to Mr. Vincent Crowe for \$3,000. Mr. Shown will move to Whitesville. Mrs. James Wedding has sold her farm to Mr. J. W. Keown for \$800.

Mr. Isom Edge has bought Mr. Lige Mosley's store.

Mr. Lige Mosley has bought Mr. James Farmer's farm, paying \$1,800 for it.

Mr. John Moore has bought a house and lot in Taffy, from Mr. W. D. Gray.

Mr. W. H. Cundiff is visiting his children in Owensboro.

Mr. Lura Sapp, who has been down with pneumonia, is improving. There is no influenza in this community.

## THE GOVERNOR MAKES SENSATIONAL PARDONS

### Youtsey And Jett Given Pardons After Years In Prison.

The most sensational pardons granted by Governor Stanley during his term of office were those given to Henry Youtsey and Curt Jett Wednesday. Youtsey was sent to the penitentiary eighteen years ago on a charge of complicity in the murder of senator Goebel, and Jett was serving a double life sentence for the murders of Jim Cockrill and Dr. Marcum, at Jackson, during the bloody reign of Jim Hargis, in Breathitt county.

Of all those charged with the conspiracy to murder Goebel Youtsey's was the only conviction that was finally executed. At the time of Goebel's murder many prominent Republicans were arrested, charged either as principals or accessories to the crime. Politics at the time was at fever heat, and an impartial trial of the accused men was wholly impossible. Twenty years have now elapsed since the Goebel murder and there is little doubt now in the minds of well-informed people about who fired the shot, but the courts at the time were partisan and an effort was made to fix the responsibility upon some prominent member of the Republican party, purely for partisan purposes, and through no doubt of men on the ground who really wanted to know the actual author of the deed.

Curt Jett was a nephew of Judge Hargis. He was reared in the mountains of Breathitt county, where human life was the cheapest of commodities, and looked upon killing a man as little more serious than killing a wild animal. The trial and conviction of Jett broke up the Hargis-Callahan clan, since which time Breathitt county has been a fairly good place to live in.

Both Youtsey and Jett have been exemplary prisoners and their pardons will probably provoke but little criticism on the head of the Governor. Jett will enter the ministry of the Methodist church, and will later enter Wilmore College. Youtsey will retire to his farm, near Ft. Thomas, but has not yet announced his plans for the future.

### THE COUNTRY NEWSPAPER.

No enterprise has been harder hit by war conditions and high prices than the country newspapers. Printers have been called to the service, salaries have been increased, stock paper, job and print, has more than doubled in price, and yet printers' prices have not been increased in proportion to increased cost. The result has been that more than six hundred country newspapers have gone out of existence within the past year. Only those papers having a complete mechanical equipment and the best of management survive, with a prospect of permanency. In many Kentucky small towns, that have supported two newspapers for years, the two have been consolidated or one of them has gone out of business altogether. In an era of high prices and increased country circulation of city dailies, only the fittest of the country weeklies can survive. With all these handicaps the Hartford Republican, thanks to a generous patronage of the public, is on a substantial basis and its management feels confident of its future. For more than a year now the present managers have given the best of their humble talents and tireless industry to make this paper worthy of the public's support, and the liberal patronage of the public is a pleasing reward for their labors.

## LAST WEEKS TOBACCO SALES AT OWENSBORO.

| Location                | Weight            | Average Price    |
|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| West Ninth-Street.      | 443,876 pounds,   | average \$14.41  |
| Lancaster House.        | 409,035 pounds,   | average, \$13.99 |
| Equity Home.            | 128,280 pounds,   | average \$14.35. |
| Electric House.         | 24,820 pounds,    | average \$14.14  |
| Field Brothers.         | 25,825 pounds,    | average \$12.53  |
| Davies County.          | 165,580 pounds,   | average \$13.58  |
| Total Sales For Season. | 1,187,416 pounds, | average, \$14.03 |